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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERN 3981

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PA, SZ  
SUBJECT: FAMILY OF MARTINO ROLON CENTURION

REF: BERN 2437; ASUNCION 2294; BERN 3467

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR. BUSCH,  
EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE LONGO MAI, IN REGARD TO FAMILY OF MARTINO  
ROLON CENTURION, PARAGUAY:

2. BEGIN QTE: WE NOW HAVE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION MR. HADORN OF THE  
FEDERAL DEPT OF JUSTICE AND POLICE IN BERN THAT SWITZERLAND IS  
PREPARED TO AFFORD POLITICAL ASYLUM TO MEMBERS OF MARTINO  
ROLON CENTURION'S FAMILY; NAMELY, HIS WIFE, FATHER AND BROTHERS  
SANTIAGO, MELCHIOR , DOMINGO AND ALBINO, AND HIS SISTER  
LIBRADA. HOWEVER, SNATIAGO, MELCHOIR AND DOMINGO ARE UNDER  
ARREST; CHARGES UNDER STATE SECURITY LAWS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT  
AGAINST SANTIAGO AND MELCHIOR.

3. THE SWISS EMBASSY IN PARAGUAY BELIEVES IT WILL BE  
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DIFFICULT TO GET EXIT PERMITS FOR THE THREE BROTHERS WHO ARE  
UNDER ARREST BEFORE THEY ARE SENTENCED AND BEFORE THESE SENTENCES  
ARE SERVED. WHAT POSSIBILITIES DO YOU SEE FOR THE US TO  
INTERVENE ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF HER COMMITMENT TO HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND THE PRESENT ROUND OF TALKS WITH SOUTH AMERICAN  
GOVTS? WHO IS THE PERSON BEST PLACED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PARAGUAYAN  
GOVT OVER THE CASE OF THE MARTINO ROLON CENTURION?

4. A LEADING FIGURE IN ONE OF SWITZERLAND'S MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES WITH BUSINESS INTERESTS IN SOUTH AMERICA HAS SHOWN GREAT SYMPATHY AND ACTIVE INTEREST IN THIS CASE. WE KNOW THAT THIS PERSON AND OTHERS SIMILARLY PLACED INSIST UPON THE IMPORTANCE OF AN AMERICAN INTERVENTION AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO FACILITATE SUCH AN INTERVENTION.

5. A FURTHER PROBLEM IS THAT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY IS UNKNOWN TO THE SWISS EMBASSY. WE ARE IN NO DOUBT THAT YOUR PEOPLE IN PARAGUAY HAVE EVERY POSSIBILITY OF LOCATING THEM AND BRINGING THIS TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SWISS EMBASSY.

6. LASTLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE PARAGUAYAN VERSION OF MARTINO ROLON CENTURION'S DEATH IS STILL THE SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY. EFFORTS TO TRACE HIM SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. END QTE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE PROVIDE BASIS FOR REPLY TO MR. BUSCH.  
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